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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Non-Final Rejection

Response to Amendment

1. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed on record in the file: Amendment as received on 1-31-05.

2. Claims 1-36 have been examined.

Status of Claims:

3. Claims 1-14, 17-24, and 27-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPTO, EAST, hereinafter EAST, European Patent Office, *Annual Technical Report*, hereinafter WIPO, and Bambridge, *A Java Application Framework for Support Staff and epoline (MADRAS)*, hereinafter MADRAS.

4. Claims 15, 16, 25, 26, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EAST, WIPO, MADRAS, and USPTO WEST, hereinafter WEST.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-14, 17-24, and 27-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPTO, EAST, hereinafter EAST, European Patent Office, *Annual Technical Report*, hereinafter WIPO, and Bambridge, *A Java Application Framework for Support Staff and epoline (MADRAS)*, hereinafter MADRAS.

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7. With regard to claim 1, EAST teaches, a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, East teaches, in the HTML tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing all data normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, and being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, he further teaches that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, ie related to the patent application, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1. MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), and the MADRAS user interface further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents (see page 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX. One would have been motivated to make such a combination

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because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is known to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

8. With regard to claims 2, 14, and 21, which teach the patent files on a computer readable medium in a format native to the application program or convertible to the native application program, EAST, teaches in the attached diagram the system being implemented in a computer readable medium, adapted for the system. WIPO teaches, on page 32, viewing the image file system on remote client systems capable of viewing the computer data.

9. With regard to claim 3, which teaches at least one of the patent files accessible through the plurality of second file links corresponding to a patent document accessible through the first file links, EAST teaches, upon selection of a file in the Details screen a corresponding HTML and text file are generated. WIPO teaches, on page 32, that accessing the incoming documents provides access to the individual files that are normally found in a file wrapper.

10. With regard to claim 4, which teaches a third display section containing a correspondence between one or more of: inventor, in-house, or outside representative client systems, pertaining to the patent, WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office).

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11. With regard to claims 5, 18, and 29, which teach the first, second, and third plurality of file links being either html links or folders, EAST teaches, and HTML view and a folder view. WIPO teaches on pages 32-33, the user accessing either the group of documents (a folder, as in a specific mailing), or the link to that actual document over the web.

12. With regard to claim 6, which teaches the first, second, and third sections being a panel on a Web page, WIPO teaches on pages 32-33, the user accessing either the group of documents (a folder, as in a specific mailing), or the link to that actual document over the web. MADRAS teaches, as cited above the use of panels in an interface environment.

13. With regard to claim 7, which teaches the sections on a Windows based environment, EAST teaches, the implementation of the system in a Window based environment. MADRAS further teaches, on page 2, the first, second, and third sections being panels in a Windows environment.

14. With regard to claims 8 and 27, which teach the sections displayed adjacent to each other across a width of a display, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 1, the implementation of the system with windows displayed adjacent to one another where the windows are further movable about the screen. MADRAS teaches, on page 2, the first, second, and third sections being panels being displayed adjacent to one another across the width of the interface.

15. With regard to claim 9, which teaches the second display section including a plurality of fourth file links, being prior art references, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 1, the HTML tab providing links to Related Patents.

16. With regard to claim 10, which teaches the first and second display sections being separate windows, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 1, the display of the first and second sections in separate windows.

17. With regard to claim 11, which teaches the first and second display sections being panels of a single window, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 2, the display of the first and second sections in a the same window.

18. With regard to claims 12, 19, and 22, which teach the patent documents being locked and not available to be edited, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 1 and 3, the documents being unable to be edited (Image, Text, HTML).

19. With regard to claim 13, EAST teaches, a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), with files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, East teaches, in the HTML tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links (selectable related patent "REF-CITED" files) selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure or a correspondence window. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing

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all data normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, WIPO further teaches that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, i.e. related to the patent application, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1 and WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office). MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), and the MADRAS user interface further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents (see page 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is know to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

20. With regard to claim 17, which teaches the first, second, and third display sections comprising a plurality of rows containing a file link selectable by a user to allow the user to view one or more of the correspondence, said patent document, or said

patent file, EAST, in figures EAST 1-3, the systems containing rows of selectable file link information.

21. With regard to claim 20, EAST teaches, a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), with files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, East teaches, in the HTML tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links (selectable related patent "REF-CITED" files) selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure or a correspondence window. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing all data normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, WIPO further teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, i.e. related to the patent application, WIPO teaches, on pages 32-33, the user accessing either the group of documents (a folder, as in a specific mailing), or the link to that actual document over the web, and WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office). MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a

user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), and the MADRAS user interface further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents (see page 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX, and for the web based display to be viewed via a web page. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is known to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

22. With regard to claims 23 and 24, which teaches the patent documents stored in a bit mapped format include documents scanned from a paper document and documents generated from patent files, in figure EAST 1 and 3, the documents being unable (bit mapped) to be edited. Where the image file is a scanned in representation of the patent and the Text file is a document generated from the patent files.

23. With regard to claim 28, which teaches the first and third sections comprising a create icon that when selected by a client system creates a document to be stored in that section, wherein at least some information in the document is populated with information stored in the database, WIPO teaches, on page 32, the correspondence that takes place, and on page 33, the ability to file online, both imply that there need me

some means of starting the document, this information, after created, then becomes part of the PHOENIX database.

24. With regard to claim 30, which teaches the first and third sections comprising a upload icon that when selected allows an electronic document to be associated with the patent application, WIPO teaches, on page 33, the ability to do online filing where it would be obvious that the client would upload documents to the server, requiring some sort of icon.

25. With regard to claim 31, which teaches at least one of the patent files corresponds to one of the patent documents, EAST teaches, in figure EAST 1, the files associated with patent documents. WIPO teaches, on page 32, the individual patent files being a part of the patent documents sent in.

26. With regard to claim 32, EAST teaches, a computer program stored in memory and executed by a processor that provides a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), with files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, EAST teaches, in the HTML tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links (selectable related patent "REF-CITED" files) selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure or a correspondence window. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing all data

normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, WIPO further teaches that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, i.e. related to the patent application, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1 and WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office). MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), and the MADRAS user interface further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents (see page 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is know to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

27. With regard to claim 33, EAST teaches, a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), with files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, East teaches, in the HTML

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tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links (selectable related patent "REF-CITED" files) selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure or a correspondence window. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing all data normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, WIPO further teaches that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, i.e. related to the patent application, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1 and WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office). MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), and the MADRAS user interface, at the users client system, further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents, where the patent documents are accessed over a communication network from the Phoenix database at the Database Server (see page 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify

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the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is known to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

28. With regard to claim 34, which teaches the communication network being the Internet, WIPO further teaches on page 33, the user having the ability to file online.

29. With regard to claim 35, EAST teaches, a user interface with a first display section, in the Details tab (of EAST figs 1-4), with files selectable by the user that provide access to a patent document stored on a computer, East teaches, in the HTML tab (of EAST figs 1-4), a plurality of second file links (selectable related patent "REF-CITED" files) selectable by the user, providing access to a patent file and stored on a computer readable medium, and in the Details and HTML tabs (of EAST figs 1-4), providing information that is relevant to the patents, and EAST, in figures EAST 1-3, the systems containing rows of selectable file link information, EAST, however doesn't specifically show all files pertaining to one application as in the disclosure or a correspondence window. WIPO teaches a system referred to as PHOENIX which was developed to completely remove all paper files and replace them with electronic versions, containing all data normally found in the paper folders, similar to that of EAST, but further teaches the system managing incoming files, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, being able to view the specific document, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, WIPO

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further teaches that these item are related to the items in a paper folder, i.e. related to the patent application, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1 and WIPO teaches, on page 32, item 5, paragraph 1, the user having access to messages and the ability to issue letters (a communication means between the applicant and the patent office). MADRAS further describes the environment in which PHOENIX is used in, when they teach MADRAS being used as a user interface used for accessing the PHOENIX database (see page 2), the MADRAS user interface further providing a system comprising a plurality of windows for managing and linking the components of the patent documents (see page 3), and MADRAS teaches, on page 2, the first, second, and third sections being panels being displayed adjacent to one another across the width of the interface. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS before him at the time the invention was made to modify the systems of EAST access and display information relative to one application as did MADRAS through use of the database PHOENIX. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because EAST teaches a similar interface to MADRAS, both displaying images of contents of a patent file; and where MADRAS provides an intuitive interface to the PHOENIX database and is know to be the primary means of accessing data in a PHOENIX.

30. Claims 15, 16, 25, 26, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EAST, WIPO, MADRAS, and USPTO WEST, hereinafter WEST.

31. With regard to claim 15, EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS teach the system for displaying patent documents in an electronic form as noted above, but don't specifically

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show a forth section including summary information related to the patent application, including at least title and file number, WEST teaches, a system for viewing patent related documents in a plurality of windows, similar to that of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS, but further teaches in figure WEST 1, the left hand column containing summary information. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, MADRAS, and WEST before him at the time the invention was made to modify the interfaces of EAST, WIPO and MADRAS to include the forth section containing summary information. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide a means for the user to get a quick idea of what the particular documents is about.

32. With regard to claim 16, which teaches the fourth section comprises an icon that when selected provides additional information, in figure WEST 1, that the left hand column contains summary information where upon double clicking provides a more detailed description in the right hand column.

33. With regard to claim 25, EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS teach the system for displaying patent documents in an electronic form as noted above, but don't specifically show a forth section including summary information related to the patent application, including at least title and file number, WEST teaches, a system for viewing patent related documents in a plurality of windows, similar to that of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS, but further teaches in figure WEST 1, that the left hand column contains summary information where upon double clicking provides a more detailed description in the right hand column. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art,

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having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, MADRAS, and WEST before him at the time the invention was made to modify the interfaces of EAST, WIPO and MADRAS to include the forth section containing summary information. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide a means for the user to get a quick idea of what the particular documents is about.

34. With regard to claim 26, which teaches the information web page including links to additional information, including priority information, power of attorney information, assignment information and comments, WEST teaches, in figure WEST 1, a PALM icon in the right hand column which links to PALM (see figure WEST 2), which displays the additional client information.

35. With regard to claim 36, EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS teach the system for displaying patent documents in an electronic form as noted above, but don't specifically show a forth section including summary information related to the patent application, including at least title and file number, WEST teaches, a system for viewing patent related documents in a plurality of windows, similar to that of EAST, WIPO, and MADRAS, but further teaches in figure WEST 1, a left hand, vertical column containing summary information, that upon selection of the "number link" icon, provides additional summary information. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of EAST, WIPO, MADRAS, and WEST before him at the time the invention was made to modify the interfaces of EAST, WIPO and MADRAS to include the forth section containing summary information. One would have been motivated to

make such a combination because this would provide a means for the user to get a quick idea of what the particular documents is about.

Response to Arguments

36. The arguments filed on 1-31-05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Reasons set forth below.

37. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

38. The applicants' argue that MADRAS reference does not include screen shots showing particular display sections, includes no detailed description of particular display sections in its user interface or the contents of such display sections and includes only vague references.

39. In response, the examiner respectfully submits a new set of clearly labeled screen shot from MADRAS.

40. The applicants' argue that the html tab in USPTO, EAST 1 does not provide links to additional documents.

41. In response, the examiner respectfully submits that under the REF-CITED heading in Figure EAST 4, a plurality of patent files are listed with there associated issue dates and Patentee names the provide links to the document upon selection.

42. The applicants' argue that the summary information in WEST 1 is not equivalent to the application summary information as presented in the application.

43. In response, the examiner respectfully submits that West displays title and number as required by claim 16, an further upon selection of the number next to the

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partial summary information provides a display of additional summary information in the right hand screen (see Figure WEST 1).

Conclusion

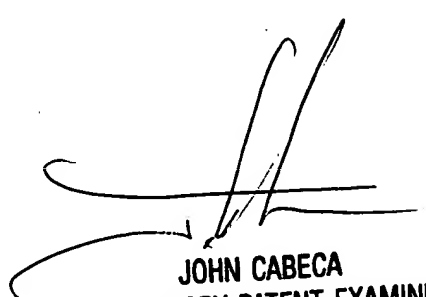
44. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach systems for displaying information related to a patent.

45. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G Bonshock whose telephone number is (703)305-4668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

46. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703)308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

47. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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